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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is filed responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2006 and to the Advisory Action mailed June 9, 2006. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, 7, 2006, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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